

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

JENNIFER DUTTON,

*Defendant.*

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.  
3:23-cr-00012-TES-CHW-3

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL  
IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE

Before the Court is Defendant Jennifer Dutton's Motion to Continue [Doc. 105].

On April 12, 2023, the Government obtained an indictment charging Defendant with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine,<sup>1</sup> Distribution of Methamphetamine,<sup>2</sup> Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine,<sup>3</sup> and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.<sup>4</sup> [Doc. 1].

Defendant entered a plea of not guilty on March 26, 2025. [Doc. 103].

Defendant seeks a continuance to allow her counsel to receive and review discovery, as well as continue plea negotiations with the Government. [Doc. 105, p. 1].

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<sup>1</sup> In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846.

<sup>2</sup> In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

<sup>3</sup> In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

<sup>4</sup> In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 924(c)(1)(A).

So as to avoid a miscarriage of justice, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 105], and **CONTINUES** this case to the June term of Court—beginning on June 23, 2025. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial and are in accordance with the considerations required under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) for excusable delay.

**SO ORDERED**, this 27th day of March, 2025.

*S/ Tilman E. Self, III*

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**TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**